WHEREAS, The melon growers in eastern South Dakota grow the world's sweetest melons and have donated free melons for the melon feed to be a part of the World's Sweetest Melon Festival to be held on September 17 and 18, 1977; and,

WHEREAS, This Festival provides a vehicle for the melon growers and other agriculturally related producers to display, demonstrate and promote their products and ideals for rural America; and,

WHEREAS, The Town and Country Riders, Inc. are promoting the Melon Days of South Dakota by a Pony Express Relay of this proclamation from the Governor's Office to the Festival Grounds; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Arts Council is sponsoring, in part, the performing arts program for the public in attendance and artists and craftsmen from the area will be demonstrating their skills in making available their fine products; and,

WHEREAS, During the Melon Festival the South Dakota Friends of Old Time Music and the South Dakota State Fiddling Champion, Arnold Johnson, will be presenting a traditional Fiddlers' Jamboree, and the Woonsocket and Wessington Springs Saddle Clubs will present an Open Class Horse Show; and,

WHEREAS, The Festival will feature demonstrations of alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind energy; and,

WHEREAS, One of the highlights of the Melon Festival will be the coronation of the World's Sweetest Melon Queen; and,

WHEREAS, Through the World's Sweetest Melon Festival the goodness of the lifestyle of Rural Mid America will be honored and celebrated by the people of the State of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 17 and 18, 1977, as

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and urge all of our citizens to join in celebration of this worthwhile and joyous event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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